

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

ACADEMIC SENATE - MINUTES
January 29, 1980

Chair, Max Riedlsperger
Vice Chair, Stu Goldenberg
Secretary, Allan Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Chair, Max Riedlsperger.

I. Announcements

- A. Mike Wenzl announced that he is proposing an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Senate stipulating that no representative serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. He is hoping to receive backing on this issue from the Cal Poly Senate.
- B. There has been no feedback as yet on the WASC accreditation visit.

II. Business Items

A. Resolution on the Add/Drop Procedures - Brown

Jerry Holley spoke on behalf of the Records Office. He said that the Registrar has vested interest in any given procedure. There was no objection about having the students fill out the add/drop forms. However, he felt that the students should not be made responsible for submitting the add/drop form to the Records Office. Mr. Holley further suggested that the faculty retain the drop sheet until adds are submitted so that all paper work can be postponed for two weeks. He would like input from the full Senate in the form of a resolution. Brown stated that he needs to know to know to what extent they would like to be removed from this type of form processing. He suggested, as a compromise, either drop line-outs or drop bubbles on the original class list which could be submitted along with the add-bubble list.

M/S/F (Goldenberg/Kersten) that this Resolution with Brown's handwritten modifications be placed on the agenda for the Feb. 12th meeting.

Opposing arguments: Some felt that this issue should be resolved outside the Senate. The Resolution was sent back to the Instruction Committee.

B. Status Report on an Integrated Computing Plan - Pohl

Pohl explained that President Baker established the Ad Hoc Computing Advisory Committee. Some parameters for the integrated computing and planning model are as follows:

- a) The decentralization of computing and planning support facilities.
- b) The enhancement of A.V. type communications.
- c) A charge-back credit based on proportion of full-system capability
- d) Existing lab equipment and environmental control systems adapted to computing capability.

Some questions were raised by Keif and others. Wouldn't this result in the creation of another bureaucracy? How will this be financed in the face of impending budget cut backs? Who are the users who are, or will be, dissatisfied with the existing computing system? Pohl estimated that the first

year implementation of this model should not involve more than \$90,000. He hopes that this plan will be set in motion by next Fall.

C. Resolution on Credit/No Credit in Support Courses - Brown

Brown explained that this simply restates last year's Instruction Committee resolution. A friendly emendment was proposed and accepted to add to the end of the Resolved clause the following phrase: "and those courses given on a credit/no credit basis only."

M/S/P (Kranzdorf/ Kersten) that the amended resolution be placed on the agenda for the February 12th meeting.

D. Curriculum Committee Resolutions - Greenwald

Greenwald explained that the four resolutions should be considered in the following order: 1) Resolution on Department Curriculum Committees, 2) Resolution on School Curriculum Committees, 3) Resolution Regarding the Curriculum Process, and 4) Resolution Regarding Timetable for the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Affairs Staff. The Chair was informed that each resolution stands alone and need not be accompanied on the agenda by the other three.

M/S/P (Hale/Kranzdorf) that the Resolution on Department Curriculum Committees be placed on the agenda of the February 12th meeting.

M/S/P (Hale/Kranzdorf) that the Resolution on School Curriculum Committees be placed on the agenda of the February 12th meeting.

Criticism of this resolution centered on the inconsistency of alternately referring to "School" and "School/Division." Kranzdorf made a friendly amendment to add the following phrase to the final Resolved clause: ". . . before making its final decision."

It was further emphasized that these guidelines may have to be submitted to the appropriate bodies for approval in conformance with this resolution.

M/S/P (Hale/Kranzdorf) that the Resolution Regarding the Curriculum Process be placed on the agenda for the February 12th meeting.

M/S/P (Hale/Kranzdorf) that the Resolution Regarding a Timetable for the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Affairs Staff be placed on the agenda for the February 12th meeting.

III. Discussion Items

A. Resolution on Department Heads vs. Department Chairs - Weatherby.

Department Heads are line oriented and serve an indefinite term. Weatherby explained that Cal Poly State University is the only campus in the State System that has Department "Heads" instead of "Chairs." Weatherby would like to convey to the Statewide Senate the message that CPSU faculty are in support of changing Department "Heads" to "Chairs."

Kersten announced that he is presently working on a resolution to put before the CPSU Senate that deals with this issue, Keif felt that this was not simply a cosmetic change but rather the implications of this title change were substantive. Keif stated that he knew of opposition within the engineering faculty to this proposal.

The Chair stated that Statewide Policy stipulates that Chairs serve at the pleasure of the President. Kersten felt that recruitment and election procedures were separated at other campuses where the "Chair" function was established.

Weatherby suggested that faculty should contact Bob Kully regarding current policy on Sabbatical Leaves.

B. Students on RPT Committees - Riedlsperger

The Chair announced that Blanche Birsch is apparently committed to student representation on Faculty RPT committees. President Baker, on the other hand, feels that students should be limited participants. They would not vote, have access to files, nor should they be present at faculty discussions. The general feeling among the caucus representation was that the Academic Senate should not draft a compromise resolution that might align itself with Baker's position.

C. 1980-1981 Alternate Financial Planning - Riedlsperger

Chair explained that with the passage of Proposition 9, the following things may happen:

- 1) Assessment of tuition at approximately \$1000.00/student.
- 2) 10% reduction in student enrollment.
- 3) Rollback in salaries
- 4) Increased teaching load
- 5) Faculty lay-offs

Conway, Chairman of the Budget Committee, is drafting a resolution enabling the Senate to educate the faculty and general public on this matter. Faculty are barred from taking a political stand on this issue within the classroom.

D. Faculty Promotions - Riedlsperger

The Chair announced that President Baker would like the Academic Senate involved in formulating procedures for distributing promotion monies. Should the funds be distributed to, and ranked at, the Departmental, School, or University level? A similar request from Vice President Hazel Jones was discussed in Executive Session last year.

M/S/P (Weatherby/Foutz) that the Executive Committee endorse the position it took on this matter last year and that the above mentioned be put in Resolution form and placed on the agenda of the February 12th meeting.